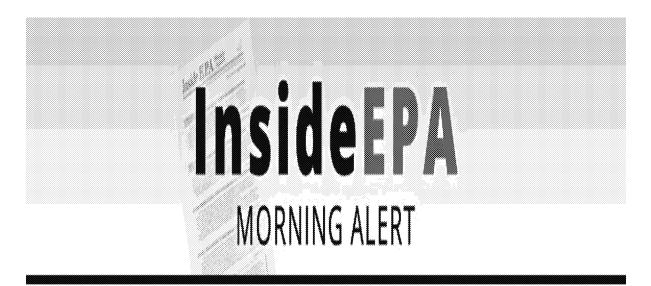
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EPA Unveils PFAS Groundwater Guide But DOD Compliance Uncertain

EPA has issued long-delayed draft interim guidelines for cleaning up groundwater contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at levels stricter than what the Defense Department (DOD) and the other agencies have sought, though it is not clear whether DOD and the other agencies will comply at levels recommended by EPA.

EPA Expected To Make 'Fixes' To NSR Proposal After Split From ACE

EPA is expected to take steps to "fix" several problems, including how emissions increases are calculated, in its proposal to ease new source review (NSR) permitting rules for coal plants, a plan originally part of the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule to limit the plants' greenhouse gases but from which it is now being split.

Study Finds State Renewable Standards Costly, But Critics Query Methods

A new "working paper" co-authored by a former Obama administration climate adviser estimates that the per-ton costs of greenhouse gas cuts under state renewable electricity mandates exceed the social cost of carbon (SCC), a critique that could bolster general pushback against such programs or aid calls for alternatives such as a carbon tax or "clean" energy standards.

Eased EPCRA Provisions May Bolster EPA Plan To Decline CWA Spill Rule

Recent congressional amendments to federal emergency response requirements, which aim to provide easier access to chemical spill information for drinking water utilities, could bolster EPA's arguments in rejecting environmentalists' bid to require a Clean Water Act (CWA) spill rule that existing requirements adequately address the issue.

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Keystone foes seek to preserve push for new NEPA review

Environmentalists are seeking to retain an existing injunction on construction activities related to the controversial Keystone XL tar sands pipeline to leverage their claim the project requires an environmental review.

API doubts EPA will grant call to extend E15 comment deadline

The agency appears unlikely to slow the pace of its highly contested proposal to allow summertime sales of E15 fuel, despite an oil sector request for more time for public comment.

Ewire: Biden joins 2020 field but climate platform unclear

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